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Raised Bill No. 55

LCO No. 166

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 There shall be, in the Labor Department, a Board of Mediation and
4 Arbitration, consisting of two panels of three members each. One
5 member of each panel of said board shall represent employers of labor,
6 one shall represent employees and one shall represent the public in
7 general. No such public member shall have been the representative of
8 any employer or employee in a labor dispute during the five years
9 immediately preceding the year of his appointment. One of the public
10 members of said board shall be the chairman. Each member
11 representing employees shall be a member of a bona fide labor
12 organization, which may be either a national or an independent
13 organization, but said two board members shall not be members of the
14 same labor organization. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
15 shall have the right to make recommendations to the Governor for
16 appointment of member of the board representing employers. On or

17 before July fifteenth in the odd-numbered years, the Governor shall
 18 appoint two members of said board to succeed the members whose
 19 terms expire. The term of office for the members of said board shall be
 20 six years. The members so appointed shall have power to complete any
 21 matter pending at the expiration of the terms for which they were
 22 appointed. The board shall choose a public member as deputy
 23 chairman to serve in case of the death, removal, incapacity or absence
 24 of the chairman. Any vacancy in the membership of said board shall be
 25 filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Any
 26 member of the board may be removed by the Governor for cause or for
 27 the good of the service, but only after notice and public hearing upon
 28 charges preferred and subject to the right of appeal to the Superior
 29 Court. A vacancy in the membership for any cause shall be filled by
 30 the Governor within thirty days of the date of its occurrence.

31 Sec. 2. Section 31-92 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

33 Whenever conditions warrant, the Labor Commissioner or the
 34 chairman of the board shall request the Governor to appoint, and the
 35 governor shall have authority to appoint, one or more alternate
 36 members to the Board of Mediation and Arbitration in such numbers
 37 as may be necessary, in order that said board may render efficient
 38 service to employers and their employees whenever grievances or
 39 disputes arise. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities shall
 40 have the right to make recommendations to the Labor Commissioner
 41 or chairman of the board for appointment of members of the board
 42 representing employers. An alternate member may be so appointed for
 43 a period of up to one year or until a replacement is appointed.
 44 Alternate members so appointed shall have power to complete any
 45 matter pending at the expiration of the terms for which they were
 46 appointed. Alternate labor members shall be members of a bona fide
 47 national or independent labor organization. Alternate members of the
 48 Board of Mediation and Arbitration shall serve at any time when so
 49 delegated by the board and while so serving shall have all the powers

50 of members of the board. Whenever an alternate member serves in
51 place of a member of the board, he shall represent the same interest as
52 the member in whose place he serves. Said board may, at its option,
53 require alternate members to sit with it in the fulfillment of any
54 function of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-91
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-92

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